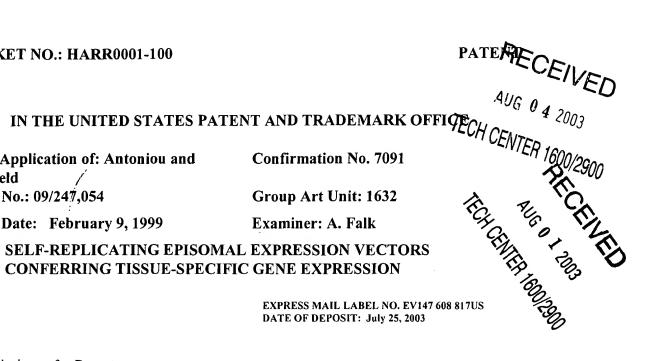
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In the claims

Please amend claim 39 as follows:

- 39. (amended) A pair of vectors comprising an expression system for expressing a gene of interest in a host cell in a tissue-restricted manner, the pair of vectors comprising:
- i) a first vector comprising
 - (a) a first origin of replication operative in mammalian host cells:
 - (b) an LCR, or functional component thereof, which when operatively linked to a gene of interest and present in a mammalian host cell directs extrachromosomal transcription of said gene in a tissue restricted manner; and
 - (c) a gene of interest; and
- [i]<u>ii</u>) a second vector comprising
 - (a) a second origin of replication operative in a mammalian host cell; and
 - (b) a sequence encoding a replication protein, said replication protein being